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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Amend claims: 2 -10.

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2. (Once Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein in step (a) the temperature is raised to a value of between 140-200°C.
  3. (Once Amended) The process of claim 2, wherein in step (a) the temperature is raised to a value of between 160-200°C.
  4. (Once Amended) The process of claim 3, wherein the temperature of the resulting mixture is raised from a value of between 120-150°C to a value of between 160-180°C by making use of the indirect heat exchange means.
  5. (Once Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein the pressure in step (b) is sufficiently high in order to obtain both phases in the liquid state.